

***Remarks***

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing Amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 remain pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. By this Amendment, Applicants submit a copy of the International Search Report, cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated July 31, 2003, as requested in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner correspondingly return an initialed copy of Applicants PTO Form 1449, that accompanied the IDS.

Finally, claim 1 was amended and claim 4 was cancelled. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Unless otherwise indicated, the claim amendments are for purposes of clarity and not to overcome any other rejection in the Official Action.

Based on the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Objections to the Drawings***

The drawings were objected to for allegedly failing to show all of the features recited in claim 4. Claim 4 was cancelled. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112***

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Since claim 4 was cancelled, as noted above, this rejection is therefore now moot.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Siniscalchi et al (U.S. Patent 5,994,926). Applicants traverse this rejection because the cited reference fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the features of the claimed invention.

For example, the cited reference fails to disclose, teach, or suggest an amplifier comprising, *inter alia*, a second and third pair of active devices wherein **each control terminal of first and second devices of the second and third pairs forms a separate second type input port**, as recited in claim 1.

If a future Office Action rejects claim 1, Applicants respectfully request that the Official Action specifically point out in the cited reference: an amplifier comprising, a second and third pair of active devices wherein **each control terminal of first and second devices of the second and third pairs forms a separate second type input port**, as recited in claim 1.

It is respectfully pointed out that anticipation can only be established by a single prior art reference that discloses each and every element of the claimed invention. RCA Corp. v. Applied Digital Data Systems, Inc., 730 F.2d 1440 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Therefore, since the cited reference fails to recite each and every element of Applicant's invention as required in claim 1, claim 1 is not anticipated by the cited reference and is therefore allowable.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and, therefore, is also allowable at least for the reasons claim 1 is allowable, and for the specific features recited therein.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siniscalchi et al. as applied to claims 1 and 2 above. Claim 3 depends from claim 1, and is therefore also allowable at least for the reasons claim 1 is allowable and for the specific features recited therein, for those features are non-obvious too.

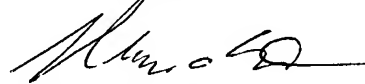
***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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